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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Claims:

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Twice amended) An unwarped laminated composite wood product made by a method comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a layered structure comprising a rigid substrate layer having two substantially flat sides, a resin-saturated sheet layer disposed on each of said sides, and a veneer layer disposed on only one of said sheet layers; and,
- (b) subjecting said structure to elevated temperature and pressure in a pressing apparatus for a time sufficient to cure said resin at said temperature and pressure, said pressing apparatus comprising a first platen and a second platen, said first platen operating at a temperature different from an operating temperature of said second platen, to provide an unwarped, laminated composite wood product.